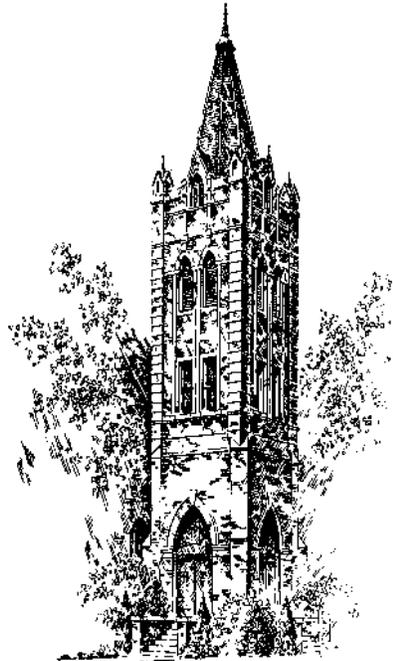


# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

**Our Mission: To Be The Word In Action**



Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Holly Albrecht, Director of Christian Education  
Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music  
Lee Harris, Organist

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleven o' clock

*Please pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew and return it to its starting place. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we invite you to leave your contact information on the pad. This will give us the opportunity to share with you the work and witness of our community of faith—and to welcome you into our midst!*

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

### Minute for Mission

*Stewardship*

Jamie Sutherland,  
Finance Committee

### Prelude

*"This is My Father's World"*  
Leigh Montague, cello

by Phillip Keveren

### \*Call to Worship

LEADER: We come as guests invited to a table.

**People: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors.**

LEADER: Jesus Christ, our Friend and Savior, invites us to gather.

**People: We gather with His friends around the world.**

LEADER: Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

**People: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.**

### \*Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #32 *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

### Invitation to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and mystery, when You invite us to Your table, You ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with You and with each other. In these moments, we hand over to You the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in Your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this silence so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world. Amen**

### Assurance of Pardon

\*Congregational Response #581 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

### \*Passing of the Peace

"May the peace of Christ be with you."  
"And also with you."

### Time with Children

Dr. Hillary Sessions

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through  
 this and ev - ery com - ing day, That in Your Spir - it  
 strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986  
 music: Thomas Tallis, adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c.1561

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture** Deuteronomy 14:22-29, 12:1-7  
 Mark 12:41-44

**Commentary on The Word** "Tithing" "Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**Anthem** "He Who Calls You Is Faithful" by Craig Curry

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn # 769** "For Everyone Born" (verse 1)

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Invitation  
 The Words of Institution  
 The Communion  
 Prayer After Communion

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory** "His Name is Jesus" Ron & Patricia Owens  
 Leigh Montague, soloist

**\*The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn of Parting # 697** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*(Why we sit for the Postlude- The Prelude and Postlude begin and conclude our corporate worship. The first allows us to meditate as we transfer from private worship to group worship, while the Postlude gives us the time and opportunity to translate what we have learned and experienced in the church service into our private lives and plans for the week. If you must leave before it ends, please exit reverently.)*

## **Postlude**

“Fanfare”

by Nicolas Lemmens

\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

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**The rose in the chancel** is in honor of the birth of Jackson Carter Tuck, born to Katherine and Bryan Tuck on September 3, 2025. Proud grandparents are Jacque and Ed O’Neal.

**Prayer List** (Names of those on the prayer list will remain for one month, unless a family member calls Lisa with an update, or the Pastor has visited the person. Thank you for the way you care for the Laurinburg Church family.)

- Randy Miller, dealing with health concerns.
- The Family of Jane Somerville
- The Family of Doug Hix
- The Family of Norma McKeithan
- Meredith Bounds, Chemotherapy
- John Carmichael, Cardio rehab
- Barbara Salzlein, Continuing health concerns
- Charles Liles, Health concerns
- LeGette McLean, Continuing cancer treatments
- Beth Newbold, Continuing health concerns

### **Friends of Congregation**

- Gary Grady, Brother of Carolina Caddell, who recently lost his wife to breast cancer.
- Jerrod Lowry, General Presbyter, (Colon Cancer, Stage 3, Chemotherapy, waiting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Surgery)
- Janet McQueen, Mother of Alex Bryant, Cancer treatment
- Ashleigh Bailey & Family (Sutherlands) Military in Qatar.
- Sammy Simmons, recovering after hospital stay
- Sara Tezzi, granddaughter of Sammy and Linda Simmons
- Fletcher Kendall, Atlanta. 7-year-old grandson of Paul & Judy Rush, Leukemia
- Sammy Townsend, Liberty Commons Nursing, Sanford.

### **Scotia Village Skilled Nursing**

Rose Stanley, Anne Ramsay Melton, Elizabeth McIntosh  
Goode Mobley (Memory)

### **Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen)**

Daphne Gaw, John and Henrietta Carmichael, Jean Clansky, Sibyle Dulin, Bob Gordon

# ***God, Stewardship and YOU***

***Stewardship Season – Supporting “The Word in Action”  
October is Stewardship Month at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church!***

**A legacy/end of life gift can make a huge difference for generations in the life of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church.**

## **Estate Planning Categories**

### **1) Bequest**

**A gift named in a donor’s will of a specific amount of money or a specific percentage of their estate to Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

### **2) IRA Remainder**

**A donor may choose to name Laurinburg Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of the remaining balance of their Individual Retirement Account**

### **3) Life Insurance – Annuity**

**A donor may choose to name Laurinburg Presbyterian Church as beneficiary of their life insurance policy**

## **Other Giving Options**

### **1) Individual Retirement Account Distribution**

**A donor aged 70 1/2 or older may choose to direct the annual minimum required distribution from their IRA to Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

### **2) Gift of stock or property**

**Donor may choose to donate a gift of stock or real property (land) – Whether or not to accept property gifts is determined on a case by case basis**

***There may be tax benefits to an estate gift. Please consult your attorney or tax adviser regarding your own situation.***

## ***October Stewardship Scriptures***

October 5th - Money and Tithing – Deuteronomy 14:22-29, 12:1-7, Mark 12:41-44

Reverend Rebekah Carpenter

October 12th - Service – Galatians 5:1-15

Reverend Rebekah Carpenter, Katherine Campbell

October 19th - Investing in the Church for Generations - Exodus 3:13-17

Reverend Rebekah Carpenter, Bill Purcell

October 26<sup>th</sup> – Pledge Sunday – Reformation Sunday - Honoring Past Sacrifices of Church Heroes

Psalms 46, Jeremiah 31:31–34, Romans 3:19–25, and John 8:31–36

**There will be a Celebration of Life gathering for Jane Somerville** in the fellowship hall on Saturday, October 25 at 1:30 pm. Please come prepared to share remembrances of Jane.

**Peacemakers (kids through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are meeting tonight from 5:00-6:30 pm.** What do rain gutters, baby bottles, and diapers have to do with Moses and Miriam? Bring a friend and join us for Peacemakers Sunday, October 5th.

**Ivano Ascari, Italian trumpet performer, will present a concert** at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 4 pm. Professor Ascari will be assisted by Dr. Mark Tollefsen, organ/piano; Dr. Joseph Van Hassel, percussion; and Dr. Tim Altman and Dr. Gary Malvern (Furman University), trumpets. Ivano Ascari started his career in the Bolzano Symphony Orchestra in 1978. In 1993 he left the orchestra to become professor of Trumpet at the Conservatorio in Riva Del Garda (Google Riva Del Garda... so beautiful. Please join us for this exciting program of music!

**October 12- Join us for SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades)** at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church from 5:30-7:00 pm. Face stacking, pumpkins and more!

**October 19- Hymnfest!** The LPC Chancel Choir, children's choir, handbells, and guest musicians will lead the congregation in our annual Festival of Hymns during worship service.

**October 21- The "Ladies Who Lunch"** will be meeting at Railroad Bar and Grill at 1 pm. Let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know that you're coming.

**October 22- Trunk or Treat!** Start thinking of ideas to decorate your vehicle trunk and come prepared with candy to pass out to our littlest LPC members, dressed in their best costumes! Make sure this evening of fun is on your calendar. The Fellowship Committee will provide a pizza dinner. Please RSVP to Lisa by October 17.

**Upcoming GRACE Group Gatherings:**

- **October 19, 4 pm-** Dwight and Susan Williams Group will meet at their home (13380 Maplewood Dr.) Bring an appetizer or dessert for an evening of food, fellowship and fun!
- **October 19, 5:30-7 pm-** Bradley and Sarah Williams GRACE Group will meet at the LPC Hut for a Fall Gathering. Please bring a side or dessert to accompany BBQ. Come and enjoy the delicious food and wonderful fellowship! RSVP by October 12.
- **October 23, 5-7 pm-** The Hartwell GRACE Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Bounds' and Decembrino's will host and provide soups/chili, sandwiches and dessert. Just bring yourselves!

**Weird Request from the CN&E Committee-** please save your plastic lids of all sizes, shapes, and colors. We have a project that requires thousands of lids! Place them in the buckets in the office and outside of the sanctuary.

**Presbyterian Women Missionary Project**

As cooler weather approaches, the middle school nurses have identified the following items as specific needs for their students: Sweatpants and coats without hoods for male and female middle school students, and camisoles (tank tops) for the girls. Please bring your donations to the church office or your circle meeting.

**The CN&E Committee is collecting plastic lids** of all sizes and colors for a project. Drop off your lids in the bucket outside the sanctuary or in the church office.

**Jeremiah's Call, The Prophetic Imagination and YOU-** Facilitated by Rev. Rebekah  
*Using Jeremiah's call as our base text (Jeremiah 1:4-10) and utilizing the work of Walter Bruegemman's The Prophetic Imagination, we will examine our own lives, preparing ourselves to be a visionary prophetic voice and presence in a hurting world*  
*Dates and Times - October 12, 19, 26 – 4 to 530 PM – LPC Chapel*  
**Childcare Provided Upon Request-** Reserve your spot with Lisa Adams

**The FUN adults Sunday School Class** meets Sundays at 9:45 am. To participate remotely, visit Zoom.com. The Meeting ID is 864 8139 8937 and the passcode is 945025

2025 Pledge Detail As Of W/E 9/28/25

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$266,300	\$221,430	(\$44,870)	84
Monthly	\$132,030	\$89,772	(\$42,258)	68
Quarterly	\$13,065	\$9,040	(\$4,025)	70
Weekly	\$18,345	\$16,795	(\$1,550)	92
Total	\$429,740	\$337,037	(\$92,703)	79

# 2025 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5 pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 Communion 9:45 am Sunday School-Adults 11 am Worship (& Children's Church) 4 pm LPC Artist Series Concert 5-6:30 pm Peacemakers 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting	6 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal	7 3 pm PW Circle 2 @ Eileen McKinnon's	8 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
12 9:45 am Sunday School-Adults 11 am Worship (& Children's Church) 4-5:30 pm Jeremiah's Call Class 5:30-7 pm S.P.Y. Meeting	13 6 pm PW Circle 1 @ Susan Hartwell's 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal	14	15 8 am Finance Meeting 10:30 am Time with Pastors At Scotia Village 3 pm PW Circle 3 @Scotia 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 Hymnifest 9:45 am Sunday School-Adults 11 am Worship (& Children's Church) 4-5:30 pm Jeremiah's Call Class 4 pm D. Williams GRACE Group 5:30 pm B. Williams GRACE Group	20 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal	21 1 pm Ladies Lunch at RR Bar and Grill	22 9 am Investment Meeting 6 pm Trunk or Treat & Fellowship Supper 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 9:45 am Sunday School-Adults 11 am Worship (& Children's Church) 4-5:30 pm Jeremiah's Call Class	27 5:30 PW Coordinating Team Meeting 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal	28	29 5:30 pm Session Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	30 6 pm Hartwell GRACE Group	31	